

21 February 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]
Special Planning Assistant to the DD/S

SUBJECT : World-wide Base System

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 15 Feb 57 to DD/S fr SPA-DD/S, subj.:
[REDACTED] Base Planning, Justification of'

1. After study of the referenced memorandum and my discussion with you on 19 February concerning our world-wide base system, I conferred with [REDACTED] on the subject. He is in complete agreement that it would be very worthwhile to restudy our whole concept of world-wide bases in the light of the facts as they exist today. Furthermore, he agreed to instruct the Planning and Program Coordination Staff to work with you to this end. Accordingly, I should like to have this matter pursued as expeditiously as possible.

2. As I understand it, our present plans for world-wide bases have not been reviewed recently and those which do exist have not had formal approval by authority competent to authorize or direct their implementation. In the light of the facts as they exist today, it seems to me that we should decide (a) whether we are going to have bases, (b) approximately where they will be, and (c) whether they are to be activated now or later. Once these very basic decisions are made, then all sorts of detailed planning, cost estimates, etc., are in order. In any case, however, it seems to me that after we have come up with our best thinking on the subject we should obtain the formal approval of the Director through the medium of the Project Review Committee.

/s/

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